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Marginal Column

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

THE Syrian crisis predicted by most observers for the Spring of 1955 has entered an acute stage during the past fortnight — with some delay, to be sure, but otherwise more or less as expected. The murder of Adnan el Malki, deputy chief of staff of the Army, brought things to a climax, but this was only the last straw; any other clash between competing political parties, families, clans or tribes (and there have been dozens of them in Syria recently) would have served as well. The Syrian Government claims that the assassination was planned and carried out by the Syrian Nationalist (or National Socialist) Party, a semi-fascist group formed back in the Thirties and traditionally stronger in the Lebanon than in Syria.

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BE that as it may, more interesting was the political aftermath of the Malki affair. The present Syrian Government attempted not merely to arrest the leading members of the Syrian Nationalists (a small and insignificant group) but to strike at the opposition in general, to introduce a state of siege and, generally speaking, a "legal" dictatorship. Several Cabinet Ministers (notably the Minister of Finance) opposed this project, however, and the President of the State refused to countersign the necessary decrees. The army leadership, on the other hand, most of whose members sympathize with the Republican Socialists (a group which stands for reforms at home, a neutralist foreign policy and is intensely nationalist, if not chauvinist), revealed much impatience and has threatened a new coup *d'etat* unless something is done against the opposition very soon.

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THESE internal squabbles, as such, would be of little interest to the outside world: Syrian colonels, after all, have been killing each other for some years. But foreign political issues, too, are involved. The present Syrian Government is reactionary in its domestic policy and neutralist in its foreign policy, a frequent mixture in the Arab East nowadays. Last month, for example, some 85 (out of 140) members of the Syrian Parliament signed the most recent appeal of the Communist "peace movement." This sudden enthusiasm for peace is, of course, a purely abstract and platonic one: it does not mean at all that they are for genuine peace — with Israel, for instance. But it is an obvious anti-Western gesture, and London and Washington have been much concerned about it for some time. Egypt and Saudia, on the other hand, have done everything to encourage this trend, and Hegel in his grave would be overjoyed on account of a new and striking illustration of the "Cunning of History": the use of the millions of the American oil companies to finance anti-Western elements in Damascus. But Western statesmen (as they hint) are no longer ready to stand much nonsense from the Syrian Government.

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IT is difficult to know what will be done about the situation in Syria. The position of the present Government is shaky; it is not sure whether it has a majority in parliament, and it certainly has not much support outside parliament, otherwise it would not have tried so hard to introduce a state of siege. It may be comparatively easy to overthrow the present Government, but who is to replace it? Another Shishakly perhaps, or a rival military junta in collaboration with some of the old set of discredited politicians? Past experience has shown that the Shishaklys aggravate the situation rather than improve it. The state of affairs in Syria is now far more chaotic than in 1949. Anti-Israel hate campaigns are not enough even to keep a dictator in power — in Syria. But this, then, is the old dilemma of Western policy in the Arab East: it can give money, supply agricultural machinery and even jets and tanks, but it cannot provide what is needed most: a competent *elite* with some degree of political maturity. And without that, money, machinery, jets and tanks are worse than useless.

Jerusalem, May 8.

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The Family

Tel Aviv, May 8, 1955.

Half Million Histadrut Members Vote Today

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Last-minute canvassing carried on well into the night throughout the country as seven parties battled for the votes of over half a million Histadrut members in a stand-to before polling. The parties wheeled up their big-gun speakers at rallies in the main centres of population over the week-end.

Committee chiefs of the hundreds of polling stations all over the country were busy conferring today in advance of their long day tomorrow when voting is to end at midnight.

Would-be voters who left their queries to the last minute were able to get their answers at dues offices which remained open all day and until 11 p.m.

The popular pastime of forecasting the results grew in intensity tonight as the party prophets vied with each other in decimal points. The first results of the poll are expected to be released a few hours after midnight, but about 10 days will pass before the final outcome is known. This goes for all the elections that are being held simultaneously tomorrow, which include besides the 8th Histadrut Convention, elections for the Moetset Hapoalot, the Labour Councils, and the Agricultural Council (in farm areas only.)

Open-air films, sponsored by the various parties, were shown tonight in different parts of the capital.

Arrangements for Blind

Special arrangements for voting have been made for blind people, the head of the Histadrut Elections Committee, Mr. Sigmund Hering told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight. Those who are able to write will be given a blank piece of paper on which they can record the symbol of the party of their choice. Those who are unable to write may be assisted by a relative or friend.

More than 1,000 sailors on 24 passenger and cargo ships will also be able to vote tomorrow and the Army have made arrangements for soldiers to record their votes in camps all over the country. An aircraft will take the ballot box down to Eilat.

Mr. Hering and the Histadrut Secretary General, Mr. M. Namir, broadcast tonight calling upon workers to vote and asking them to maintain the dignity of the Histadrut by refraining from demonstrations at the polling stations.

At the last Histadrut elections in February 1949, nearly 80 per cent of the electorate registered their votes, a total of almost 167,000. Of these, Mapai received 57.06 per cent, Mapam 34.48 per cent, Haoved Hazioni, 3.76 per cent, Communists, 1.66 per cent an dthe Oved Hadati, 2.12 per cent.

Ben-Gurion Calls For Pioneering Regime

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — "We must prepare against any enemy in the Middle East," Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Minister of Defence, declared at a Mapai mass rally of about 30,000 persons in the Municipal Stadium here last night. In 10 years we must reach a population of three to four million through immigration from North Africa and the Western countries. If world tension eased, it was likely that we would also welcome immigrants from Russia, Rumania and Hungary, he said. The eradication of the desert in the far South was our decisive task.

"I believe that our pioneers in the towns and villages will go South in thousands. The Negev needs thousands of farmers and miners." As the bulk of our exports would come from the south, we should build in Eilat a port possibly greater and more important than Haifa.

"The Egyptians are blocking our passage in the Suez and might want to interfere with free shipping also in the Red Sea, because they do not comply with the Security Council's decision on this issue. But they will have to reckon with our armed forces if passage in the Red Sea is interfered with." The loudest cheers of the 80-minute speech greeted this passage.

A pioneering regime should be established, and the ruinous system of proportional representation eliminated. The unity of Israel workers should be restored. He freely admitted differences of opinion within Mapai, and said that he was not ashamed of them. "There are differences of opinion everywhere. They do not preclude labour unity in one Histadrut and one Party." Freedom of opinion but discipline of action were needed. "Sooner or later, we will do it. We shall form a pioneering youth front. Then, nothing will be impossible for the Jewish workers here."

Thirty thousand persons flocked to the stadium from Haifa and the neighbourhood and as far afield as Afula and Beisan.

114 Already Vote In Beersheba

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A total of 114 votes, including those of Mayor and Mrs. D. Tuvyahu were cast here tonight where polling stations for the 8th Histadrut Conference were open from 7-10 p.m. to enable those who work out of town tomorrow to vote.

It is not yet known whether the list submitted by the Oved Hazioni (Progressives) will be approved and if that of the General Zionists has been accepted after being first approved and then rejected.

Earlier today, the Defence Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, passed through here on his way to Sde Boker, where he will vote tomorrow. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, and the former Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin, also passed through on their way to Abde and returned in the afternoon.

P.M. Says Vote For 'Responsible' Lead

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "On Sunday let every voter search his conscience, for the fate of many lies in his hands," the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, declared at a Mapai rally in Jaffa yesterday.

Whether the vital partnership between the State and the Histadrut was to be maintained, and whether there was to be a responsible leadership of the Histadrut — these are the issues at stake, he said. The unity between the State and the Histadrut which had achieved so much over the past seven years, had not come about by an "agreement," he declared. It was there because both the State and the Histadrut sprang from a common impulse, and were fostered by the same people who understood the problems, and knew what they wanted — namely Mapai. To drive a wedge between this partnership was the chief aim of the splinter parties Ahdut Ha'avoda-Poale Zion and Mapam.

Still Face Dangers

Despite all its achievements, the country was still faced with many difficulties and dangers, he went on. Twice before in the nation's history, independence had been won and lost, and only by unity and unceasing vigilance would the future of countless generations be guaranteed.

If, seven years ago, a foreign expert would have been asked as to the possibility of bringing 700,000 immigrants to the country, the answer would have been that it would inevitably result in dire poverty or the setting-up of a dictatorship. Neither of these had happened, he said. Both the standard of living and the liberty of the citizen has been indubitably maintained. "Our life may be hard, but it is good, because we have freedom and an aim," the Premier declared.

Mapai or Splintering

Mr. Sharett called for united support of Mapai, the alternative being incessant dissension between splinter parties which in the end would lead to disaster.

At the end of his address, Mr. Sharett received a terrific ovation from the audience, most of whom were new immigrants, and had much difficulty in leaving the platform.

OIL AGREEMENT WITH USSR

A new oil agreement was due to have been signed on Friday between Israel and the USSR under which this country would be supplied with 120,000 tons of heavy oil (*mazut*) and 50,000 tons of crude oil, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The agreement will bring the amount of Russian oil to be sold to Israel this year to 370,000 tons. In January, the USSR undertook to supply 200,000 tons of oil to Israel in exchange for citrus and bananas. This amount has already been furnished. The total quantity comprises about one-third of Israel's total oil needs.

DOCTORS FIGHT TO SAVE BRODIE TWIN

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter)—Doctors toiled here tonight in the slim hope of saving the life of a little boy who made medical history. Rodney D. Brodie, 3, separated two-and-a-half years ago from his Siamese twin brother to whom he was joined at the head, suddenly developed a brain haemorrhage on Thursday.

About three-quarters of Rodney's head is unprotected by bone, and he wore a plastic helmet for protection.

Feeling Against French Erupts In Vietnam

SAIGON, Saturday. — Anti-French feeling has erupted into the open in both North and South Vietnam, and French troops have been called out to protect Europeans. In the Haiphong enclave, which they are due to evacuate soon, French troops today used tear gas and rifle butts to disperse Communist demonstrators for the second day.

In tense Saigon, 40,000 French troops are on the alert in the European sector where anti-French violence is increasing steadily.

In Paris, a new plan to end the crisis in South Vietnam will go before the Western Big Three Foreign Ministers who assembled today for talks. Emperor Bao Dai has drawn up a plan in a bid to restore stability. This provides for his return with reduced powers and formation of a wider government under Ngo Dinh Diem.

Gen. Paul Henri Ely, the French Commander in Chief in South Vietnam, today exchanged hostile notes with Premier Diem, whom he accused of inciting the populace against the French. He also denounced accusations that the French were helping to deliver arms to the Binh Xuyen rebel army which had been driven from Saigon.

Speakers at the funeral of Gen. Trinh Minh, the Cao Dai leader killed on Tuesday, used the occasion to accuse the French of causing the popular general's death. Rumours have circulated during the past few days that he was shot through the head from behind with a long-range rifle while leading his troops against the Binh Xuyen insurgents.

The French are urging the Government to stop the rumour-mongering, but newspapers today branded the French as the "people's enemies," while radio trucks are circulating through Saigon broadcasting anti-French slogans. *(Reuter, UP)*

MENDES-FRANCE NAMED RADICALS' CHAIRMAN

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Former Premier Pierre Mendes-France was yesterday named chairman of the Radical Party by the new "Committee of Action," which was elected at the stormy congress meeting to replace the former executive.

The committee was summoned by the 83-year-old President, Edouard Herriot, to take over party affairs.

Stassen Says Jordan Project Means Peace

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Foreign Operations Administrator, said today the U.S. hopes that peace can be achieved in the Middle East if Israel and the Arab states are persuaded to work together on the Jordan River development.

He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that no U.S. arms are being sent either to Israel or any of the Arab states on her border.

He was testifying on the proposed $3,350m. foreign aid programme for the coming year. He confirmed that it involves $130m. of military assistance in the Middle East; $73m. of development aid; and $65m. for aid to Arab refugees. Aid to Israel is declining because of her good economic progress, while assistance to Egypt is expanding because her difficulties over the Suez have delayed her economic programme.

Eban Seeks to Verify Bentley Statement

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday.—The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, is expected to see Mr. George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, next week to receive confirmation of the statement made by Representative Alvin Bentley, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that the U.S. will not arm any countries contiguous to Israel.

Israel welcomes moves lessening the danger of imbalance, but does not make the distinction of contiguity, and continues to oppose the arming of Iraq as changing the balance of power in the area.

U.N. sources, are speculating that the Lebanon and Jordan will soon join the Turco-Iraqi pact and that the U.S. will then supply them with arms. But Jordan is already receiving arms from Britain and the Lebanon may also draw supplies from non-American sources.

This will not help Israel, but the State Department hopes that the attack on its Middle East policy will slacken.

Arabs Fear Rejection Of Johnston Project

The Arabs fear that if they reject the Johnston project for the Jordan River waters, Israel will stand to gain all the benefits from this development, according to Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache in Beirut yesterday.

Bourguiba's Anti-Israel Outburst

By MAURICE CARR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Saturday. — Habib Bourguiba, Neo-Destour chief and expected leader of an autonomous Tunisia, denounced Israel today in an angry outburst that served as a substitute for an interview. A small man with a heavily-lined brow, Bourguiba looked tired as he received me in his hotel where he is staying on the eve of his return to his native land after a long exile, and within sight of his life's goal of national independence.

After a cordial greeting, he cooled off as he glanced at a recent article of mine where a sharp distinction was drawn between progressive and reactionary Arab nationalists, and which concluded that Jews can hope for friendly cooperation with the liberals of the Neo-Destour, but have to fear the worst from the feudalistic Libyan-type nationalists.

"This is tough," he said, unexpectedly losing his temper, and gesticulating furiously with his hands uncomfortably close to my face, he cried, "The Jews have nothing to fear from the Arabs. The small Jewish minority in Tunisia is no problem and the last thing they need is outside Jewish intervention. The best service you can render is to leave them in peace. In the new Tunisia they will become Tunisians with the rest of us."

Without giving me an opportunity to put in a word, he went on, "We are hostile to Israel, but not because Israel is Jewish. Israel is forthright colonialism. If Christians or New Guinea savages had settled Palestine, driving out the Arabs, we would oppose them. That does not make us anti-Jewish. After an absence of 2,000 years, the Jews have no claim to Palestine. The Arabs had never persecuted the Jews."

By this time his voice was so raised that an aide came in anxiously to find out what was happening, but Bourguiba strode out bitterly.

My questions — whether Tunisia would have a liberal regime with equal rights for all including Jews, whether the Arab liberals were strong enough to resist extremists, if *aliya* would be allowed to continue and if the Arabs would one day recognise Israel as a factor of social justice and prosperity in the Middle East and would work with her for the common good — remained unuttered. Time alone will provide the answers.

Tunisia Encourages Jewish Officials

TUNIS, Saturday (INA). — Mr. Tahar Ben-Ammar, Tunisian Premier, today issued instructions that applications by Jews for posts in the administration be dealt with as speedily as possible and that where the applications are considered satisfactory, posts be made available.

It was also announced here today that a number of young Jews are to be given training in various branches of the Tunisian police force. Hitherto, no Jew had been admitted to the force.

Premier Ben-Ammar has postponed indefinitely the formation of a 10-member council for the Jewish community. He was acting on the request of Mr. Elie Nataf, leader of the "Progressive group," which unsuccessfully contested the recent Jewish community elections.

Mr. Nataf had alleged voting irregularities by the majority Zionist party. An investigation has been opened.

PROTEST IN TUNIS

TUNIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Between 12,000 and 15,000 Frenchmen demonstrated on the main avenue of Tunis today to mark the wartime liberation of Tunisia and their opposition to the agreement with France which gives the Protectorate autonomy.

24 German War Criminals Freed

BONN, Saturday (UP). — The release of 24 war criminals was announced today by the British and French authorities.

The British Embassy said that three criminals sentenced to 15 year terms for killing Allied war prisoners, had been freed.

The French Embassy announced the release of 21 more prisoners from the French-operated jail at Wittlich on May 5, the day West Germany gained her sovereignty. A total of 129 prisoners still are held in the three Allied jails.

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Russia Conciliates West in Talks On Austrian Pact

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter). — Feverish activity is going on behind the scenes here this week-end in an attempt to get Big Four agreement on a State Treaty for Austria by early next week, possibly on Monday night.

The British, American, Russian and French ambassadors have adjourned until Monday their negotiations on a treaty restoring Austria's freedom after 10 years of occupation.

In a bare five days the ambassadors have worked their way through nearly all the 59 articles of the draft treaty. Problems which appeared insuperable at one stage were wiped out by a single stroke of the pen, according to conference circles.

Clauses Annulled

The ambassadors were bogged down for a time on the treaty's military clauses limiting the size of the Austrian Army and the types of weapons it can use. But the situation changed in a flash, according to these circles when Ivan Ilyichov, the Soviet Ambassador, declared; "If we cannot agree to change these clauses, let us wipe them out altogether."

Only one article, dealing with the disposal of former German assets in Austria, is believed to be causing any serious difficulty. There were high hopes in conference circles that the problem will be solved on Monday.

Diplomatic circles here believe that, when the Western Foreign Ministers come here to sign the treaty, possibly at the end of next week, they will try to regain the initiative from Russia by proposing a four-power conference on Germany, the last acute problem to be solved in Central Europe.

Jordanians Fire On Workers, Patrol

A group of Israel labourers working in the vicinity of Mt. Gilboa were fired upon yesterday from within Jordan territory, the Army spokesman has announced. A patrol which was in the vicinity returned the fire. Two workers and two members of the patrol were wounded.

A shot was fired from an Arab Legion position at a woman in the Abu Tor quarter of Jerusalem, on Friday, the Army spokesman announced.

The woman, Simha Galili, was not hit, but fainted from fright and required medical care, ITIM adds.

Automatic and rifle fire was opened from within Jordan territory on an Israel patrol yesterday which was travelling along the Armistice line north of Yad Hanna in the Tulkarm area, the spokesman said. The patrol, which returned the fire, suffered no casualties.

According to an ANA version of the incident, a unit of Israel soldiers crossed the lines near Shweika and opened fire on villagers who were harvesting. There were no casualties.

Another ANA report charged that an Israel force yesterday crossed the Armistice Line near Deir El Balah in the Gaza Strip and opened heavy fire on an Egyptian position in full view of U.N. Observers stationed there.

BURNS REJECTS JORDAN APPEAL ON ZECHARIYA

The Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, General E.L.M. Burns, has rejected a Jordan appeal against her condemnation for the Zechariya attack, NEABS reports. Jordan maintained that the evidence of her guilt was not conclusive and that the tracks had not been followed as far as the border. General Burns replied that the decision of the Israel-Jordan MAC was final.

According to the U.N. spokesman, General Burns is flying to Cairo tomorrow for talks with Egyptian officials on the local commanders agreement for the Gaza Strip. He is due back in Jerusalem on Monday and if his talks are successful a meeting with Israel and Egyptian representatives will be arranged for Wednesday.

BRITISH MINERS' STRIKE SPREADS

DONCASTER, Yorkshire, Saturday (Reuter). — The unofficial strike of miners in the Yorkshire coalfields where 55 pits out of 115 are idle and 15 others are only partially working, spread yesterday to the neighbouring county of Nottinghamshire. Tomorrow, all pitmen throughout Britain will be called out if no settlement is reached.

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Britain Presses For Talks 'At the Summit'

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, declared tonight that he wanted to make "a supreme effort" to see whether progress could be made with the main differences between East and West.

"Plans are afoot to make a meeting possible," he said in a party election broadcast. "We are anxious to meet at any level — the heads of governments or Foreign Secretaries. I expect they will both be needed."

In Paris, Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Foreign Secretary, today called on Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, to press for American agreement to the calling of a meeting of the "Big Four" heads of government, diplomatic sources said tonight.

Mr. Macmillan, on his first overseas mission as Foreign Secretary, is taking part with other Western Foreign Ministers in week-end talks on international problems, with the crisis in South Vietnam the first item discussed.

A communique issued after the first meeting said that an exchange of views on Vietnam had been held.

Mr. Macmillan told Mr. Dulles that Britain firmly believed the best way to tackle East-West differences over European problems was to start with a top-level conference of President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden, M. Edgar Faure and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin.

In the British view, this would be only a brief meeting, lasting perhaps less than a week, at which the four leaders could reach a broad agreement on principle and a programme of work for Foreign Ministers or officials.

Mr. Dulles' reaction was not immediately known. It was believed in diplomatic quarters that he would want to consult President Eisenhower before giving the British Foreign Secretary his reply.

The U.S. has steadfastly opposed the idea of a meeting "at the summit" ever since Sir Winston Churchill first proposed it shortly after Stalin's death in 1953.

In a statement to the Press shortly after his arrival in Paris this afternoon, Mr. Dulles said he had never before visited Europe "in a mood of greater confidence" for the future of Europe and its peace.

"It may be that before I return to the U.S. I will have the happy privilege of fixing on behalf of the U.S., my signature to that (the Austrian State) Treaty," he said.

Russia Annuls Pacts With U.K., France

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet tonight approved a decision to annul Russia's treaties of friendship with Great Britain and France.

A special session of the Presidium, permanent executive body of the Soviet parliament, took the decision after a speech by the Foreign Minister, Mr. V. Molotov, on each of the treaties.

The action was taken at the request of the Government which threatened last December to annul the two treaties if the British and French Governments ratified the Paris agreements rearming West Germany.

The treaty with Britain was signed in 1942 and that with France in 1944. Each was to run for 20 years.

Soviet Bloc to Sign Treaty on Wednesday

BERLIN, Saturday. — The East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl, announced today that the Soviet Bloc nations will conclude a mutual aid treaty in Warsaw next Wednesday.

From the Warsaw conference, attended by China as an "observer," a series of friendship and mutual aid treaties between the Communist states of Europe will also probably emerge.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal G.K. Zhukov and Soviet First Deputy Premier Mr. M.G. Pervuchin, have arrived in East Berlin to take part in the celebrations marking the 10th anniversay of the defeat of Hitler Germany.

(Mr. Lazar Kaganovich, another Soviet First Deputy Premier, arrived in Prague today for celebration of the 10th anniversary of the city's liberation by the Red Army.)

The East German Communist youth organization yesterday changed its constitution to make it an "honour and duty" for youths to serve in the army which the Soviet Zone Government is forming. *(Reuter, UP)*

UN Blames Lebanon For Drug Traffic

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday.—The U.N. Narcotics Commission castigated Lebanon as the major source of the world supply of narcotics and exonerated Israel from Arab League charges of drug traffic.

The report noted that 40 per cent of the morphine and 36 per cent of the hashish seized the world over were of Lebanese origin. The Commission was shocked to learn that warrants for the arrest of leading Lebanese drug traffickers had never been executed.

Mr. Mordecai Kidron, of the Israel delegation to the U.N., told the Commission that the Arab League reports circulated in the Secretariat obviously were politically motivated and devoid of fact. He asked the Secretariat not to publish the League statements until they conform to the standards of accuracy expected of U.N. documents.

Queen Voices Hope For Talks with USSR

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter)—Queen Elizabeth set the stage for the May 26 general election with an End of Parliament speech yesterday which expressed the Government's hope "to enter into fruitful negotiations with the Soviet Union."

The speech, read for the Queen in the House of Lords by Viscount Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, reviewed the Government's activities over the past parliamentary session.

"My Government have continued to support efforts to bring about peaceful relations between Israel and the Arab states.

"My Government have acceded to the role of mutual cooperation between Turkey and Iraq to replace the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance of 1930. It is their belief that this agreement will fortify friendly cooperation between the two countries and thereby contribute to the security of the Middle East.

"My Government have been greatly concerned at the dangers of the situation in the Formosa Strait. They have been in constant consultation with the various governments concerned in order to open up the way for a peaceful settlement."

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Friday received Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wouk and a group of 36 members of the Zionist Revisionist Party of South Africa who were presented by Dr. S. Yunitzman.

The President and Mrs Ben-Zvi on Wednesday entertained to lunch the Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Benzion Dinur; Mrs. E. Elath; Miss Ruth Sherf, of London; Mr. and Mrs. M. Guber, of Kfar Warburg, and Miss Gronia Rosh, of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett last night entertained to dinner the Marchioness of Reading, the Rt. Hon. Lord Nathan of Churt, Mr. Alexander L. Eastern, Mr. Ya'acov Geri, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Ellis, Mr. John Ellis, Mrs. E. Elath, Mr. and Mrs. Shmuel Lewin-Epstein and Mrs. R. Sieff.

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A reception for the Marchioness of Reading, Mrs. Z. Elath and Dr. J. Mahover, of the British Zionist Federation, was held by Mrs. Shoshana Persitz at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv on Friday. Among those present were the Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett; the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Bernstein, the British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls; the Deputy Knesset Speaker, Mr. J. Klebanof; the Clerk to the Knesset, Mr. M. Rosetti, and the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. H. Levanon.

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The Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, on Friday received Mr. Louis Lifshitz, of Johannesburg, Vice-Chairman of the U.J.A. in South Africa and South African Chairman of Ort and OSE, and Mrs. Lifshitz.

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The Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog entertained to dinner on Friday night the Chief Rabbi of South Africa and Mrs. Louis Rabinowitz, Rabbi and Mrs. I. Porush, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wouk and Rabbi M. Levin of Tel Aviv.

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Members of the Women's Leadership Delegation of State of Israel Bonds were given a farewell dinner at the King David Hotel last night by Mr. Joseph Sugarman, Chairman of Bonds in Israel, and Mrs. Sugarman. Yesterday morning, the group was entertained to *kiddush* by the Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog, and later in the day they were received at the home of Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. S. Bentsur, Director of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry, on a tour of Israel legations in Eastern Europe; General Lukas Beau, Commander of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol, accompanied by Mr. D. Vital, member of the Civil Aviation Division of the Ministry of Transport and Aluf-Mishne Gideon Elrom, representing the Commanding Officer of the Israel Air Force, for Lisbon; Mrs. F. Solomon, member of the Directorate of Marks and Spencer, for London; Dr. M. Goldmann, Chairman of the Union of Argentinian Jewish Communities, for Buenos Aires, after a four-week stay as guest of the Government (by El Al).

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A delegation of 28 members of Canadian Hadassah (Wizo), headed by Mrs. N. Cohen and Mrs. H. Shaffer, have arrived to participate in the ceremony tomorrow at which Canada Hall, being erected by Canadian Hadassah, will be officially inaugurated at the new Hebrew University campus in Jerusalem.

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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hornstein and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Leder, friends of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, have been visiting the country and meeting with Board members and leaders in Israel.

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Dr. S. Weiner has been elected chairman of the Haifa branch of the Manufacturers Association for the next two years.

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Mr. Dan Pines will speak on the "Newspaper in the Making" at the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics at 6 o'clock tonight.

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Dr. A. I. Rabin, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Psychological Clinic, Michigan State University, will deliver a lecture on "The Relationship Between Clinical and General Psychology" under the auspices of the Hebrew University tonight, at 8.30, in Room 32, Terra Sancta College.

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The Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences of the Hebrew University will award the annual Emanuel Koenig Memorial Prize in Economics at 8.30 this evening, in Room 71, Ratisbonne Building, to Mr. Yehuda Greenfeld and Mr. Eliezer Shaffer for their theses for the M.A. degree. The public is invited.

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Dr. E. van Raalte of The Hague will lecture at the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences at 8.30 tomorrow night on "The International Court of Justice and How it Works."

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
May 8, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal
Before the Deputy President (Justice Cheshin), Justices Sussman and Witkon.
Be'er Yaacov Local Council, Appellants, v. Mekorot Ltd., Respondents. (C.A. 368/54)

Definition of "Carrying on Business."

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on October 15, 1954 (C.C. 1038/54).

The respondents supply water to the Be'er Yaacov Local Council. The main offices of the company are in Tel Aviv, and it has no branch office, no store-rooms, workshops, or even a clerk or agent in Be'er Yaacov. For the purpose of supplying the water, the company has a network of pipes in the Be'er Yaacov area, but no waterworks, wells or pumps. Nevertheless the Council claimed a local business tax, which the company refused to pay, claiming that it did not carry on a business within the area controlled by the Local Council. Judge Levenburg, of the Tel Aviv District Court, accepted this argument and dismissed the Local Council's claim.

Mr. Yechiel appeared for the appellants, Mr. Inziger for the respondents.

Judgment

The judgment of the Supreme Court was delivered by Justice Witkon, who pointed out that no one disputed the fact that the company itself operated a "business," in that it sold water for the purpose of commercial gains. The only point of dissension which had arisen was on the question of whether the company carried on its business in the Be'er Yaacov area. The Justice agreed with Mr. Yechiel that it was not necessary for the purpose of business tax that a company should have a fixed place of business in a particular municipal area (as had already been held in H.C. 21/51, Psakim 5/420), but that did not mean that the company need have no place of business at all in a municipal area and yet be liable for business tax.

Mr. Yechiel had argued that a commercial operation like that of supplying water regularly to a whole area in accordance with contracts of sale, was equivalent to operating a business within the confines of that area, and had produced a series of English precedents to back up his claim. But these precedents which dealt in particular with income tax could not serve as a guide in deciding on questions of municipal and local taxation, since income tax cases covered a much wider field than cases of local taxation, which are limited to conflicts between the councils and local business men.

Justice Witkon then went on to define the term "carrying on a business" contained in section 3 (1) of the Local Authorities (Business Tax) Ordinance, 1954, on which the Be'er Yaacov by-law is based. He found that it pertained to the management of a commercial enterprise and not to the actual functions performed by that enterprise. Such functions do not in themselves constitute "carrying on a business," but are its consequence. The question therefore was: where is the organizational and commercial nerve-centre of the business — without, of course, overlooking the fact that a business did not necessarily have only one such nerve-centre located in one particular place. The Justice emphasized that if certain operations were carried out in an area on the initiative and directive of a body outside of the area, those operations should not be confused with the business itself. The place in which certain functions of a business are carried on does not provide the necessary criterion for deciding on the seat of the business. This criterion is provided by the place in which the business is managed. In the case under consideration, it had not been proved that the company managed its business in the Be'er Yaacov area, and therefore, the District Court judgment must be upheld.

Appeal dismissed with IL75 costs.

Judgment given on April 28, 1955.

ON THE AIR

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4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Intermezzo (R). 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Arieh Zemanek. Soloist: Heinz Hirschland: Concertino for Piano & Orchestra (Hirschland). 7.30 Talk. 7.50 What's New in Science. 7.50 Wells of Works. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Concert. 9.30 Y. L. Peretz. 10.10 Vocal Recital: N'tania Dovrat. 10.20 "Ron Bah" (R). 11.10 Close Down.

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11.15 p.m. News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Newsreel. 11.45 Learn a Song. 12.00 Talmud Lesson.

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Samaritans Celebrate Passover

For the first time in many years, the ancient Samaritan community, swelled by 80 members from Israel, celebrated their traditional Passover sacrifice on Mt. Gerizim, overlooking Nablus, on Friday afternoon instead of during the night, as customary, as the feast fell on the Sabbath eve which the Samaritans rigidly observe.

According to the Old City daily, "A-Diffa," which devoted a lengthy illustrated article to the feast and the community which hitherto had been virtually ignored by the Jordan Press, the ceremony was attended by foreign diplomats and consuls, Jordan government representatives and many tourists.

The Samaritan community in Jordan now numbers 200, while another 93 live in Israel.

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208 NURSES and 174 practising nurses were graduated during 1954, according to a report of the Ministry of Health. Twenty graduate nurses attended courses in midwifery, 11 studied operating room technique, and 24 mental hygiene.

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Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya. (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.
Exhibition of Abstract and Surrealist Art. Exhibit of the Month: "Yahuda-Haggada," illuminated Ashkenazic Passover Haggada. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
Spring Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists, Artists House, 10-1, 4-7.

★ **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Show: —**
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

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★ **Theatre:—**
Cameri Theatre, "Casablan," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
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Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.

★ **Exhibitions:—**
1) Compositions for Murals and architectural works by S. Sebba. 2) 20th Century French Art (A. & S. Zacks Collection). Museum, daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

★ **Lecture:**
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COMING EVENTS

Jerusalem, May 9:—
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U.N. Technical Assistance Experts, Evelina de Rothschild School, 22 Rehov Ussishkin, 8 p.m.

Mr. Louis Pincus
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All interested are invited to attend.

US Scientists Probe Atom-Blasted 'City'

YUCCA FLAT, Nevada, Saturday (Reuter). — Scientists yesterday picked their way through dust, haze and debris to see how a typical American community stands up to an atomic blast equal to 35,000 tons of dynamite. They examined the remains of "Doomtown," a replica township obliterated here on Thursday as a warning to the U.S. on what to expect in an atomic attack.

Mr. Harold L. Goodwin, Test Director for the Federal Civil Defence Administration, said after a preliminary tour of the site that an individual's chance of survival within two kilometres of the blast depended on the type of structure he was in.

Preliminary reports showed that brick and wooden houses on a line 4,700 feet from the centre of the blast — nearly twice as powerful as that which destroyed Hiroshima — were almost totally destroyed.

The Atomic Energy Commission said that the 14th and final atomic test of the 1955 series may be held on Monday.

Religious Services

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): E.S., 7 p.m. H.C., as announced. Preacher: Canon H.R.A. Jones (Tel. 2712).

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. S. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne), Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel), Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster)

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 16/4 Moria St., Baka'a: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.

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Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (co 19 Elias St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B.2773, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic). Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant: Episcopal): H.C., 7.30 a.m.: M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1797.

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MOGRABI: Beneath the 12-Mile Reef, 2nd week.
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ORION: "Siamo Donne."
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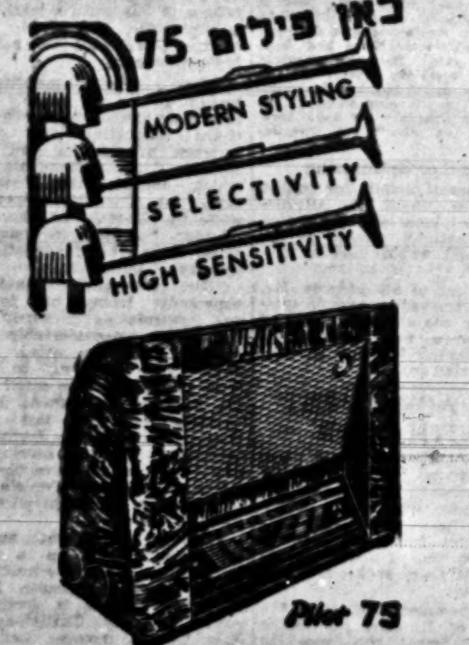

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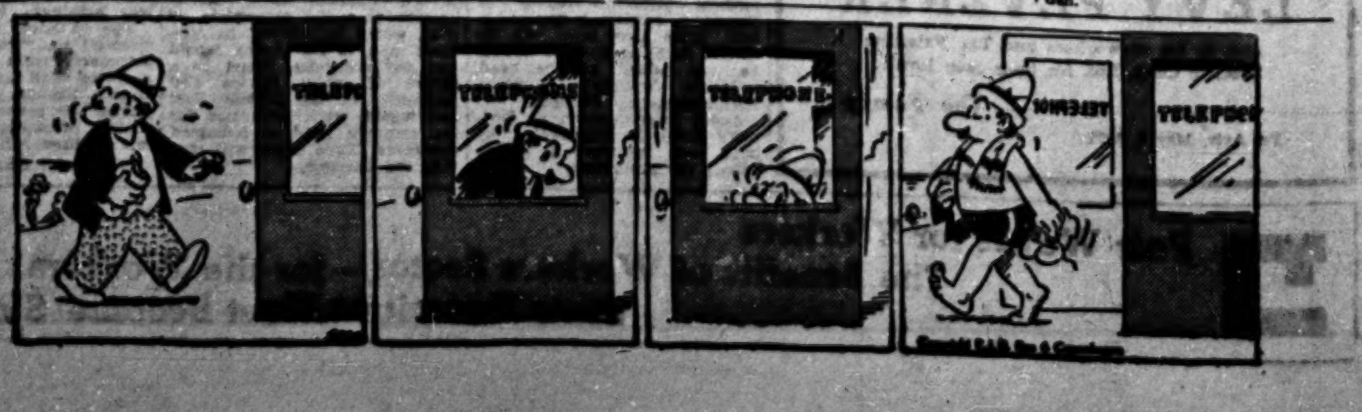

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with a slight rise in temperature.

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Mt. Cana'an	32	13	26	27
Tiberias	38	16	28	34
Haifa Port	76	17	23	25
Natanya	80	15	25	26
Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	26
Tel Aviv Port	87	16	22	24
Lydda Airport	65	13	28	29
Jerusalem	36	14	26	29
Beersheba	47	8	28	30
Eilat	20	20	34	36

*A) Humidity at 1 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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NEARLY 49,000 BABIES were born in Israel during 1954. Of this total, 41,048 were Jewish and 7,919 non-Jewish.

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THE FRENCH shipping line, Messageries Maritimes, is to renew its fortnightly service to Israel, the Government Tourist Centre has announced. The s.s. La Marsin will leave Marseilles on July 28, stopping at Naples, Piraeus, Limassol and Haifa.

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A BRANCH of the Bank Leumi has been opened in Haifa Port for the benefit of tourists and immigrants.

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LOANS TOTALLING more than IL6,000, granted to 25 blind and handicapped members of the Arab community by the Ministry of Social Welfare's Social Rehabilitation Department this year, have enabled them to become self-supporting in various trades.

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SEVEN LABOURERS from Shfar Am in Lower Galilee were taken to the Rambam hospital in Haifa on Friday with stomach poisoning, after eating Arab-produced white cheese. Four of the men were sent home from the hospital yesterday. The others are under treatment.

Britain Protests To Formosa on Attack

FORMOSA, Saturday (Reuter). — Britain protested in a Note to the Chinese Nationalists today against the attack and interception by two Nationalist motor junks of the British freighter, Incharran, in the Formosa Strait on Wednesday.

British sources here said that the protest was in the form of a written Note signed by the British Consul, Mr. Alexander Heyman, and delivered to Formosa's Governor, Dr. C. K. Yen. Britain has no diplomatic relations with the Nationalist Government.

A Nationalist Navy spokesman said that the junks reported to have intercepted the 3,539 ton Incharran were not under direct Navy command. He hinted that they might have been operated by pro-Nationalist guerrillas based near the Matsu islands.

It was announced in Hong Kong yesterday that the Incharran had been released and was proceeding on her way from Foochow to Shanghai.

Yesterday, the Nationalist authorities announced that they had mined Formosan territorial waters "because of the Communist invasion threat."

PENSIONS FOR U.S. EX-PRESIDENTS

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—All American ex-Presidents will receive an annual $22,500 pension under a bill passed by the Senate on Thursday. The bill also provides office space, staff and free mailing privileges for past Presidents, and annual $10,000 pensions for their widows.

In New York today, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt said she would decline any pension voted by Congress for widows of Presidents. She told reporters such pensions were "fine things" for those who really need them, but that she had sufficient income to meet her needs.

EISENHOWER SPEAKS IN WASH'TON SYNAGOGUE

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—President Eisenhower last night took part in ceremonies dedicating the new Temple of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

He made a brief informal address from the pulpit after the regular Friday night service, in which he participated.

WEST TO MEET RUSSIA ON GERMAN TOLLS

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). — The Western Ambassadors to West Germany have agreed to meet the Soviet High Commissioner, Mr. F. Pushkin, on May 20 to discuss the recent increases in East German road tolls of up to 11 times their former level.

SOVIET TROOPS BEGIN LEAVING PORT ARTHUR

HONG KONG, Saturday (Reuter).—Peking's New China News Agency announced last night that Russian troops have begun pulling out from Port Arthur in Manchuria.

Reparations 'Crowd Out' Swiss Goods

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The principal reason for the decrease in Swiss exports to Israel is to be found in the commodities Israel is receiving from Germany in the framework of the Reparations agreement, the Swiss Minister in Israel, Dr. Fritz Hegg, told the Commercial and Industrial Club here yesterday.

"There is great danger of its further decreasing, because of the difficulty of recapturing the Israel market," he added. Since the days of the Mandate, when trade between the two countries was insignificant, Swiss exports to this country had soared, reaching a peak of over 41 million Swiss francs in 1951. By the end of 1954, the amount had dropped to 21 millions.

Chief item in the Swiss exports were machines, he stated. Israel exports to Switzerland amounted to seven and a half million Swiss francs in 1954, with citrus textiles and diamonds as the main commodities.

The Minister called for increased trade, which he believed should be based on the principle of free trade.

Further Insurance Benefits for Women

Employed or self-employed women who give birth will be entitled to maternity benefits if they have worked a total of 10 out of the 18 months preceding the date of birth, provided that the insurance premiums have been paid, under a change announced by the National Insurance Institute on Friday.

The benefit, which amounts to 75 per cent of the salary for a period of six weeks, was formerly payable to women who had been working for the 10 months immediately preceding the birth. This is in addition to the IL55 grant which is given to all mothers who give birth in hospital.

The Institute also announced that a self-employed woman, in order to be entitled to maternity benefits, must declare her income to the Institute separately from that of her husband, even if they file joint income tax returns.

3 'British' Woods Planted in Corridor

The British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls, Jewish National Fund leaders and hundreds of British WIZO women took part in the planting of the first trees in three new woods at Zecharia, in the Jerusalem Corridor, on Friday morning.

The woods are named in honour of the Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain and Ireland; the Manchester Daughters of Zion, and Bertha and Emanuel Raffles J.P.

Addressing the ceremony were Mr. Nicholls, Mr. M. Weiner, of the J.N.F. Directorate; Mrs. E. Elath, wife of the Israel Ambassador to Great Britain, Mrs. R. Ginossar, Chairman of World WIZO, Mrs. A. Solomon, representing British WIZO, Mrs. A. Bursky, President of the Daughters of Zion, and Magistrate E. Raffles.

U.N. EXPERTS TO REPORT ON WORK

A symposium on the work of U.N. experts in Israel is to be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Evelina de Rothschild School, Rehov Ussishkin, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Israel Association for the U.N., Jerusalem Branch.

Among the topics to be discussed are administration, by Miss N.A. Gray (Canada), who is advising the Civil Service on organisation, civil aviation, by Mr. R. Ashton (U.K.), who has made plans for Israel's air services, and tuberculosis prevention, by Dr. B. Papanicolaou (Greece), who established the T.B. Prevention Demonstration Centre in Jaffa.

Dr. C. Hart Schaaf, (U.S.), Resident Representative of the U. N. Technical Assistance Board, will be in the chair.

Cyprus Court Jails 11 for 47 Years

PAPHOS, Saturday (Reuter).—The Assize Court here yesterday passed sentences of imprisonment ranging from one to 12 years on 11 of 13 persons arrested in January after police seized a motorboat off the Cyprus coast alleging that it was loaded with dynamite. The sentences on the 11 men total 47 years.

Charges of promoting civil war and advocating the overthrow of the Government were dropped. Two men were acquitted.

INDIANS TRANSPORTED FOR 'GANG WAR'

CALCUTTA, Saturday (Reuter). — Pannalal Das Gupta, leader of a rebel group of the Communist Party, and nine others, were sentenced to transportation today on a charge of "gang war" against the state.

Namir Hits Fellow-Travellers

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Most of the minority parties in the Histadrut danced like puppets to the tune of the Soviet Union Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Labour Federation told a meeting of immigrants from Bulgaria at the Gal-Ron cinema in Jaffa last night.

Speaking at a Mapai election meeting at the Armon David cinema here today Mr. Akiva Govrin, M.K., said that the electorate should decide whether it wanted a Histadrut based on minorities, in which it would not be clear who held the balance of power.

"Vital to Israel's future is the continued operation of Mapai's programme, which includes increased immigration, the welding together of Israel's many communities and the strengthening of the Histadrut," declared Mr. Z. Aranne, Minister without Portfolio, at an open-air rally in Kiryat Shalom this afternoon.

The redemption of the country's waste land is the main aim confronting the youth of Israel, said Mr. Izhar Smilansky, M.K., at a Mapai youth meeting at the Gan Rina cinema here last night.

The uniquely strong identification of the workers with the Government has enabled Israel to absorb its immigration, develop the country and at the same time continuously raise the workers' standard of living, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, M.K., told a meeting at Jerusalem's Edison Cinema yesterday.

Mr. Lavon, who devoted most of his speech to an attack on Ahdut Ha'avoda, described that party as "a pinch of socialism and a touch of communism" without any positive programme.

Fight Over Posters

HAIFA, Saturday. — Two Hashomer Hatzair members were attacked and severely beaten outside Beitenu in Rehov Hehalutz, which houses Mapai headquarters, here this evening by unidentified assailants. One of the men, Baruch Shalev, 20, of Kfar Ata was taken unconscious to Rothschild Hospital.

His comrades said they recognised in front of Beitenu a tender whose occupants last night had robbed them of election propaganda material in Naveh Sha'anan, and whose number they had reported to the police. Soon after they had asked the driver who had used the car last night at Naveh Sha'anan, they were attacked by men armed with clubs, one of whom hit Shalev in the abdomen.

No arrests were made as of late this evening.

'NEUTRAL FOREIGN POLICY' — HAZAN

A neutral foreign policy and equality for the Arab minority was advocated by Mr. Y. Hazan, M.K., at a Mapam meeting in Jerusalem's Zion Cinema on Friday night.

COMMUNISTS STAND FOR PEACE WITH ARABS

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Of all the parties, only the Communist Party stood for real peace with the Arab world, Declared Mr. Moshe Sneh, at a Communist Party rally in Jaffa yesterday.

US Holds Back Salk Vaccine Pending Probe

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Federal Government has halted the release of any additional Salk polio vaccine until a study of the situation by medical scientists is completed, the Federal Surgeon-General, Dr. Leonard Scheele, said yesterday.

Production of the vaccine is continuing, but Federal approval of additional supplies is being suspended for "several days," he said.

Dr. Scheele made the disclosure while testifying before the Banking Committee of the House on pending bills that would give the Federal Government power to control distribution and the price of Salk vaccine.

At the outset of his testimony, he expressed confidence that a group of scientists now meeting here would conclude that the vaccine was excellent and that vaccinations should go on.

Ike Pledges Continued U.S. Aid to Libya

WASHINGTON, Saturday. (Reuter).—President Eisenhower yesterday pledged that the U.S. would continue to assist Libya to overcome its economic problems and raise standards of living.

The President made this pledge at the White House when he accepted the credentials of Libya's new Ambassador, Sayyid Saddik Muntasser.

The Ambassador told the President that the Libyan people placed great trust in the friendship of the U.S. He said Libya faced grave and complex problems of reconstruction and economic development and was counting on this friendship to overcome some of the difficulties and insure its complete independence in all fields.

HEBREW LETTER AROUSES INTEREST

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A letter in Hebrew sent by the El Al Public Relations Officer in Italy to all Roman newspapers produced a flow of favourable comments on the way tourists were treated in this country, the company reports. Heading the letter was a note in Italian asking those who did not understand the "language of the Bible" to contact the Rome office of El Al where an explanation would be given.

Histadrut Must Help Negev Settlers-Alon

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — "Land, manpower, tools and water are what the Negev needs," Aluf Yigal Alon told an overflow audience at an Ahdut Ha'avoda election meeting at the Atzmon cinema here this afternoon.

The land is there, and to attract the manpower and tools, the Histadrut must give a generous hand to those who wish to settle there. Young people must be educated in the pioneering spirit from the age of nine, for we cannot really expect adults of 60 to settle there, Aluf Alon said. As to water, the Yarkon waters will suffice for a small area only. "What we need are the waters of the Jordan, and all it requires is a simple order to get the bulldozers into the demilitarized zone, work the land and get the water to the Negev," he declared. He also called for Jewish settlement in Western Galilee.

Mapai's responsibility for the present boundaries was the main theme of a two-hour speech by Aluf Alon, to a packed Ahdut Ha'avoda rally at the Mograbi Cinema in Tel Aviv last night. When it would have been possible to include more land within the State, Mapai leaders had failed to take the opportunity, he charged.

Pioneers for Negev

Aluf Alon called for a state independent of both power blocs, and stressed the necessity for pioneers to go to the Negev.

Mr. Y. Tabenkin, speaking at the same meeting, accused Mapai of claiming that they had done everything in the State, as well as considering the Histadrut as being solely Mapai.

He termed his speech as being "post-election," and hit out at both East and West. Chou En-lai gave his hand to the Mufti. Sobolev, the Russian U.N. delegate, voted against us on Gaza and the West armed the Arab States and Germany. He called for Israel to be "independent."

Mr. Y. Galili, at an Ahdut Ha'avoda meeting in the Orion Cinema in Jerusalem today challenged the Government to bring to public trial those Palmach commanders whom Mr. Ben-Gurion recently "accused of stealing ammunition" during the War of Liberation.

Police Corner Syrian National Party Head

DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuter). — Troops have surrounded George Abdul Massih and a group of his Syrian National Party followers in the Lattakia district in the Northwest, reliable sources reported today. Massih, head of the Party, is one of the five persons for whose capture large rewards have been offered.

Hanna Kaswani, Nationalist M.P. whose immunity was lifted and who later apparently tricked police into arresting another person in his stead, held a Press conference "somewhere in Syria" today. He said that he would seek asylum in the Lebanon and charged that Parliament is dominated by Communists.

Ten Killed In Chicago Fire

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter).—A fire that swept through a hostel here today killed at least 10 persons and injured 13 others. The blaze was brought under control within an hour.

The bodies were found on the upper floors of the five storey brick building. Firemen said the hostel contained about 100 cubicles, six by six feet, separated by corrugated iron with chicken-wire tops. Fast action by policemen was credited with saving many lives. About 20 men were carried down ladders by firemen, and two others jumped from windows and were injured.

WOHLMAN FUNERAL

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The funeral of the late Yehuda Leib Wohlman, the writer, was held at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery here yesterday. He was eulogized near the Rehov Yavne Synagogue by Mr. M. Assaf, President of the Journalists Association, and by several personal friends and representatives of Polish Zionists.

THE JERUSALEM artist, Hannah Bendov, was awarded first prize at an exhibition of Israel artists held in Paris to mark Independence Day.

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Israeli Has Lunch In Old City

After being given lunch in the Old City, Mrs. Aziza Hiyon, 65, was returned to Israel via Mandelbaum Gate on Thursday night.

She had wandered across the border in error near the Talpiot ma'bara where she lives, and was taken by Legion soldiers to Kishla Prison in the Tower of David.

While she was eating lunch there, the Israel and Jordan local commanders discussed her situation over the recently installed telephone line between the two sides, and the woman was freed in the evening. (ITIM)

Argentine Catholics Fight with Police

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (Reuter). — Police today arrested top leaders of the Catholic Action — leading Catholic organisation of the country, with 120,000 members — in the latest phase of the Church versus State dispute.

At least 12 leaders were known to be detained.

Several Catholics were arrested last night in skirmishes with police, as an angry crowd of about 3,000 marched on Congress House, the seat of government.

They found their way barred by a police line, but broke through only to find a stronger barrier supported by police armed with tear gas.

Despite two police cordons, the crowd surged forward, chanting "Christ will win."

Mounted police drew swords to tackle demonstrators in another clash near the Vatican Legation. The demonstrators replied with bricks, but no casualties were reported.

Congress is to open a debate next Wednesday on a bill proposing constitutional reforms leading to the separation of Church and State.

Arabs Said Moving To Peaceful Solution

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — In a letter to "The New York Times" yesterday, Mr. Karl Baehr, Executive Director, and Mr. Carl Voss, Chairman of the Executive, of the American Christian Palestine Committee, said that free people welcome two results of the Bandung conference — Premier Chou En-lai's desire to negotiate a Formosa cease-fire, and the call for "peaceful settlement of the Palestine problem."

They termed the latter result gratifying since it marks a new departure in Arab policy towards Israel. They said that Egypt, in subscribing to the declaration, has apparently seen the wisdom of coming to terms with Israel.

"If the U.S. is prepared to consider Chou's offer on Formosa ... may we not hope that the U.S. will also exercise its influence in furthering the declared desire of the Arab states to reach a settlement, a course that the Israel Government has always advocated?" it was asked. The U.S. must not hesitate to search out ways to reach that goal, the letter declared.

SHABANDER NEW IRAQ AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

Foreign Minister Musa Shabander of Iraq will become Ambassador in Washington, in a Government reshuffle that will be officially announced next week, according to the Arab News Agency last night. Shabander had held the same post previously.

The foreign portfolio will be taken by acting Foreign Minister Burhan e-Din Bashayan, while the remainder of the changes involves redistribution of posts.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS broke into the Jerusalem branch of "Davar" in Rehov Hillel on Friday night. Entry was made through the transom window of the office. Nothing was stolen.

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Brazilians Beat T.A. Hapoel, 4-0

JAFFA, Saturday. — In the second match of the series, the visiting Brazilian team beat Tel Aviv Hapoel at the Hapoel grounds in Jaffa by 4-0. About 8,000 people watched and again the guests gave an excellent performance, far better than their first against Maccabi.

After a decisive advantage achieved in the first half, the Brazilians began taking in reserve players. However after winning the fourth goal, these changes gave them no additional advantage.

The best Brazilian player was Baduca, outside left, whose performance was greeted by applause form the spectators. Centre Forward Mistucio's break-throughs were dangerous and he alone gained three goals during the first half of the game. The fourth goal was won by Inside Left Venoni during the second half.

The visiting team will play its last match on Tuesday against a selected Maccabi-Hapoel team in Jaffa.

2,400 Pupils Take Part in Haifa Meet

HAIFA, Saturday. — At a light athletic contest, in which 1,700 pupils of 112 elementary schools and 700 pupils of 18 secondary schools throughout the Northern district took part on Wednesday and Thursday in Haifa, Nemi Rovetzki, of the Haifa Trade School, achieved two outstanding results, a long jump 6.29 metres and an 80 metre run win in 9.4 seconds. Feldmann of the same school highjumped 1.65 metres.

Results in Basketball Games here today were:—NATIONAL LEAGUE: Haifa Mac. 72, Tel Aviv Mac North 65; Jerusalem Mac. 58, Haifa Hap. 54. HAIFA LEAGUE: Haifa Hap. B 50, Haifa Mac. B 46. WESTERN GALILEE LEAGUE: Acre Hap. 60, Sa'ar Hap. 15; Nahariya Hap. 38, Acre Hap. 17; Acre Nautical College 38, Sa'ar Hap. 22.

WIKLUND PROVOKES NEW 3,000m. RECORD

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — In a track and field competition held in the Maccabi Stadium here yesterday Birger Wiklund, Swedish long-distance students' champion, participating at the invitation of the Academic Sports Association, came first in the 3,000 metre race in 8 mins. 53.8 secs. Next came Ya'acov Bornstein, of Mishmarot Hapoel, in 8 mins. 57 secs, a new Israel record, beating his own former record of 9 mins. 05.4 secs. Salame, of Haifa, was third in the competition between the University and Technion, the University won by 136 points to 101.

BLACK DAY FOR LOCAL SOCCER

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — In a Second Division game here today, Ra'anana Hapoel beat Zichron Ya'acov Maccabi, 5-1.

In friendly games results were: Rehovot Hap. 6, Mahane Yehuda Hap. 3; Ramat Gan Mac. 4, Jerusalem Betar 1; Natanya Mac. 5, Natanya Betar 3.

OTHER RESULTS: Basketball League:— Tel Aviv Hap. 67, Hadera Mac. 46; Ashdot Yaacov Hap. 52, Jerusalem Hap. 41. Handball League: Rehovot Mac. 16, Rehovot Hap. 4; Technion 5, Petah Tikva Mac. 0.

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Newcastle Wins Cup

Before a 100,000 crowd, including Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Newcastle United won the Football Association Cup Final yesterday by beating Manchester City, 3-1.

Before the huge crowd had settled down, Jack Milburn, England international, gave Newcastle a 1-0 lead, scoring in the first minute of the match. Manchester lost Jim Meadows with a badly twisted knee after 11 minutes, and continued with 10 men for the remainder of the game. One minute before half-time gallant Manchester got an equaliser when inside man Johnson netted.

Still fighting back after the resumption, the Mancunians were outplayed by the Tynesiders and the issue was as good as settled when "match-winner" outside left Mitchell scored after eight minutes and his inside man, Hannah, added another, five minutes later. This made the sixth time Newcastle have won the trophy, equalling the record of Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers. *A. KALMAN*

S. AFRICAN CRICKETERS OPEN CLASS PROGRAMME

The touring South African cricket team opened its first class programme in England yesterday with the traditional match against Worcestershire.

Close of play scores were: WORCESTER, 269 (Kenyon, 58; Outshoorn, 80; Perks, 41; Tayfield, five for 82; Murray, 3/60; Heine, 1/34). SOUTH AFRICA: 21 for one (McGlew, 6).

ISRAEL PING-PONGERS WIN FOR 3rd TIME

KIMBERLEY, Saturday (Reuter). — The touring Israel table tennis team on Thursday night won the third successive game of its South African tour when it beat a Griqualand West side here by nine matches to zero.

J'LEM MACCABI BEATS KFAR SABA HAPOEL

In two games in the Capital yesterday, Jerusalem Maccabi gained a notable 2-1 win over Kfar Saba Hapoel, but the City's Hapoel team went down heavily to the Orthodox team from Haifa by 5-2.

5th Mau Mau Leader Killed in Week

NAIROBI, Saturday (Reuter).—A police patrol led by an African inspector yesterday trapped and killed Mau Mau "General" Karanja Kimau, known as "The Doctor," about 250 kms. north of here, an official communique announced.

Karanja was the fifth terrorist leader to be killed by security forces in the past week.

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Cables in Brief

EGYPT. — Egypt and UNESCO signed an agreement yesterday to set up a new centre of Egyptology in Cairo.

STRIKE. — More than 50,000 Japanese metal mineworkers staged a 24-hour strike on Friday in support of demands for wage increases.

TOGLIATTI. — Palmiro Togliatti, 62-year-old leader of the Italian Communist Party, was reported to be "recovering satisfactorily" from an attack of sunstroke he suffered on May Day.

EINSTEIN. — Plans for an early film of the life of Albert Einstein have been announced by Warner Brothers, who produced "The Story of Louis Pasteur," "The Life of Emile Zola," "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet" and other films based on the careers of famous scientists and public men.

SKID. — The Duke of Windsor was aboard a British European Airways Elizabethan plane which skidded after landing at Le Bourget airport from London yesterday.

VACATION. — Premier Tewfik Abu'l Huda of Jordan arrived in Beirut on Friday on a two-week leave.

NUDISTS. — Scores of British nudists will meet in London today to draw up a code of behaviour to be followed by 60,000 nudists in the country.

ASYLUM — Two Rumanian Air Force officers were brought to Istanbul for questioning yesterday after fleeing to Turkey for asylum in an Air Force plane.

TRANSPORT. — Delegates of 31 nations will meet in Washington tomorrow to discuss the promotion of automobile transportation and highway construction throughout the world. Israel is among the participants.

VISIT. — An Indian parliamentary delegation has arrived in Moscow, according to Moscow Radio yesterday.

EYE EXPERT OPERATES

Dr. Nelson Moura-Brazil, world-famous eye specialist, performed an eye operation at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem on Friday, an hour after he arrived from Rio de Janeiro.

A specialist in implant surgery, Dr. Moura-Brazil is a guest of the Ministry of Health, the Hebrew University, and the Association for Israel-Brazil Cultural Relations. He is to give demonstrations in Tel Aviv and Haifa, and plans to leave the country on Tuesday.

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ISRAEL WORKERS' PARTY

THE strident electioneering of last week will end today as members of the Histadrut go to the polls to decide the complexion of the various bodies of that organization. The way people will vote is of importance too as a valuable pointer to the fate of parties in the forthcoming Knesset elections.

A preview of the campaign to date indicates that most parties have been more concerned in drawing attention to the shortcomings of Mapai than in stressing their own qualities. For example the General Zionists have never ceased suggesting that Mapai have trapped a helpless population by offering it such "political benefits" as a co-operative Sick Fund. They have laid much emphasis on economic slavery regardless of the fact that despite the "domination" of the Histadrut by Mapai and the presence of a Finance Minister of that party at the helm of the nation's finances, conditions have improved considerably even for the middle classes and he has been able to offer all-round income tax concessions far earlier than anyone thought possible.

From the Left the attack on the majority party in the Histadrut has been vicious in the extreme. Mapai has been accused of every form of misrepresentation and sharp practice in its dealings. Ahdut Ha'avoda, in particular, whose main principles are not very far removed from those of Mapai, has outdone everyone in its campaign of plain distortion, possibly because it feels that only in this negative way can it define a recognizable separate personality for itself. It shows no signs of having made close contact with the great body of the nation, particularly with the new immigrants. Mapam, for its part, has left the public with the impression that its slogans and platform are cut from whole cloth of an alien weave rather than from the native homespun of domestic needs and realities.

Against all this must be set the practical record of Mapai which in turn must be considered against its own ideological background. What determines the policy of the majority workers' party is a national and even Zionist ideal; to convert the Jewish people of the world into a working nation; to give those workers the richness of life as a direct result of their own labours and not from the exploitation of others, and to ensure the attainment of this end by winning command of the basic means of production. It is on its record in bringing the mass of the labouring classes of this country onward towards this goal that the Mapai will confidently expect to be judged today and in the national elections to the Knesset in July. The test will be: how far a real measure of equality in the State has been maintained. The answer is manifest; the sums spent by the nation on education, health, social services of all kind, and particularly for development, the an indication of the workers' party adherence to first principles.

It is on this very issue of development, strangely enough, that the General Zionists are very prone to attack Mapai, claiming that the vast sums drawn from public funds for this purpose are unnecessary and that development should be left to private enterprise. While the State stands to gain from successful projects, when a venture fails there is no loss to the public purse. The danger that we might in the end be left with no development at all cannot trouble a party of individualists as much as a closely-knit party of organized workers able and willing to shoulder responsibility both for their own collective affairs and for the planning of the State.

'Ja, I am Ready', Said Keitel, Ending World War II

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG

BERLIN, (UP) — THE Nazi Field Marshal screwed his monocle with deliberate arrogance in his right eye, slammed his silver-tipped baton on the table and in a long, scrawling hand scribbled the single word "Keitel."

It was exactly 12.15 a.m. on May 9, 1945, in Berlin. World War Two in Europe suddenly was at an end.

The Nazi leader was Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, commander-in-chief of the beaten remnants of Hitler's once mighty Wehrmacht. He was to die on the hangman's scaffold in Nuremberg 18 months later.

He stood there, ramrod-stiff, his face slightly flushed, arrogant and haughty to the last. From his collar hung the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross. Two rows of medal ribbons: the Iron Cross First Class and the Nazi Party "Blood Order" stood out on his uniform tunic. On his right was General Paul Stumpff, commander of the wreckage of Hitler's Luftwaffe, and on his left, Admiral Hans Georg von Friedeburg, commander-in-chief of the German Navy.

There, at Soviet headquarters in the still smoking ruins of Berlin, he faced the victors — Soviet Marshal Grigori Zhukov, the hero of Stalingrad, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder of Great Britain, General Carl Spaatz of the U.S. Air Force, and General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny of France.

The preliminary capitulation ceremony already had taken place 24 hours earlier in the "little red school house" at Rheims in France. Now, the Wehrmacht commanders-in-chief had been flown to the smoking shambles of Berlin for the final act of surrender. It took place in Zhukov's headquarters, a whitewashed concrete building in the East Berlin suburb of Karlshorst that formerly housed a German Army engineering school.

On the stroke of midnight, Marshal Zhukov, a squat sturdy figure, magnificent in the uniform of a Marshal of the Soviet Union with four rows of medal ribbons, summoned the other Allied commanders to the surrender ceremony. The flags of the victors — in those days still comrades in arms — lined the whitewashed walls behind the table on a low platform where they took their places. More than 100 Russian newsmen and photographers milled around. Eight Western newsmen, including this correspondent, had been flown specially from Paris for the occasion.

Marshal Zhukov rose and read the text of the unconditional surrender document in Russian. It was translated. Then he ordered the Germans brought in.

Keitel immaculate in his grey Field Marshal's uniform with red-striped trousers, entered first, blinking slightly in the powerful klieg lights of the Russian cameramen. He was followed by Stumpff and Friedeburg and a few staff officers.

All three took their places at a side table. Air Marshal Tedder rose and asked in a cold voice in English "I ask you: have you read this document of unconditional surrender? Are you prepared to sign it?"

Keitel picked a copy of the surrender terms from the table in front of him and replied in a rasping voice in German "Ja, I am ready."

Marshal Zhukov motioned to him to come forward.

Keitel picked up his cap, his Marshal's baton and gloves, and walked across to another table where the nine copies of the surrender document were laid out. He screwed his monocle with studied deliberation in his right eye, slammed his baton loudly on the table, sat down and signed. He returned to his original seat and Friedeburg and Stumpff signed after him.

Friedeburg, his eyes sunk deep and surrounded by great black circles, looked like a death's head. A few weeks later he committed suicide.

Then Marshal Zhukov signed for the Russians and Air Marshal Tedder on behalf of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Western Allied Supreme Commander. Spaatz and General de Lattre de Tassigny appended their names as witnesses.

As the Allied commanders wrote their names, Keitel beckoned to the Russian interpreter. In a harsh voice audible to all, he insisted that he needed more time to notify the German commanders in the field.

"I insist that you go to the Colonel General — I mean Marshal — Zhukov and tell him I must demand another 24 hours," he rasped. The interpreter hesitated, then walked over and whispered something in Marshal Zhukov's ear. The Soviet Marshal ignored it.

As the signing ended, Marshal Zhukov said coldly in Russian "I now request the German delegation to leave the room." Keitel rose, snapped together the folder containing his copy of the surrender document and strode out haughtily, followed by the other Germans.

The capitulation of the Nazi Wehrmacht was complete.

SONG OF A BUREAUCRAT

(with apology to William Cowper)

I am monarch of all desks and files,
Much stronger than most people ween;
Immune from entreaties or smiles
I am lord of hard-headed routine.
O humility, where are the charms
That sages have seen in thy face?
Thou shalt find no resort in my arms,
No comfort in this arid place.

Democracy, decency, love,
In theory given to man —
O had I the wings of a dove
I would fly you again and again.
Idealists soar to the land
Of Utopia and think I'm not there,
But alas! recollection at hand
Soon teaches them we have our share.

ABRAHAM BIRMAN

CHAOS IN SYRIA

By GAD MOR

COLONEL Adnan Malki's murder last month is now reliably established to have been the outcome of rising tension between the pro-Egyptian and pro-Iraqi camps in Syria.

Along with the murdered Deputy Chief of Staff, the highest echelons of the Army, which had lately been reorganized to strengthen its anti-Iraqi character, demanded that the Government sign the pact with Egypt and Saudi Arabia right away. Backed by Khaled el-Azem, the Foreign Minister who had negotiated the *rapprochement*, the Syrian Commander-in-Chief, Shawkat Shukeir, threatened a *coup d'etat* if the pact went unsigned.

Meanwhile, the President of the Republic, Hashem el Atassi, has been working equally hard against the Pact. In this, he is supported by both the pro-Western coalition Nationalists and opposition Populists. Rumours of Russian encouragment of the anti-Iraqi group contributed considerably to the mounting tension.

But not nearly so much as talk about Shishakly's return. The Liberation Movement, founded by the ex-dictator, recently, renewed its activities in Syria, while several Shishakly supporters were being reinstated in the Army in an attempt to bolster up the anti-Iraqi element. At the same time, two retired officers who had found refuge in Iraq under Shishakly and returned after he had been overthrown, Lt. Cols. Muhammad Marouf and Mahmud Rifai, were accused of disloyal activity and again expelled from Syria.

Akram Hourani's Socialists, who had collaborated with the Army but are known to be Shishakly's most bitter enemies, have long been warning that the Liberation Movement is planning a new coup. When Adib Shishakly's brother, Salah, returned to Syria last month, he declared that Adib might come if his country were in danger. This substantiated fears that the Army might be planning to bring the dictator back in order to frustrate the anti-Iraqis. Salah was expelled from Syria three days later, and next day, the Shishakly and Hourani clans clashed in Hama, proving that the conflict was as much a family feud as it was political rivalry. Shishakly's nephew was killed, and Hourani's brother was badly hurt.

The situation was aggravated by rumours about disaffection in the ranks of the officers: reports of arrests among them periodically appear in the Lebanese Press. Turkish sources have also stated that many high-ranking officers have been eliminated in northern Syria for opposing the proposed pact with Egypt.

The background of Malki's assassination is very obscure, but it is known that his assassin belonged to a party which recently adopted a pronounced pro-Western stand. It is not impossible that foreign agents were involved, but Shishakly's followers are not likely to have been linked with the affair, for they are as decidedly anti-Iraqi as was Adnan Malki himself.

But here again, personal rivalry is likely to have played an important part. Shortly before the murder, a Nationalist Lieutenant Colonel, Ghassan Jadid, was dismissed from the Army and then disappeared. Jadid, who was once a delegate to the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission, was related to a Commander of the Syrian Air Force, murdered by a Shishakly agent. Jadid swore to avenge his relative, and he may have had his part in Malki's assassination.

The murderer, at any rate, happened to hail from Jadid's village. Both belong to the fanatic Allawi sect, whose members are concentrated in the Latakiya district. It has never been too friendly to Damascus, and foreign agents have found a fertile ground among its members, particularly since the central government executed its "God-leader" in 1946.

Readers' Letters

ATOM BOMB

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A pen-friend in India has sent an extract of an Indian newspaper with the headline: "Destroy the atom bomb!" This demand was made by Mr. C. Rajapalachari, Indian delegate to the U.N., in a statement first published in "The New York Times" wherein he said that one side must have the moral courage to be the first to destroy this horrible weapon, and the other side would follow this example later. The pen-friend, and Indian doctor, Mr. A.A. Xavier, of Shoolay, Bengalore 1, India, would like to receive letters from the Israel public on this question.

Yours, etc.
I. K. LEWY

Neve-Oz, April 26.

NEW TAX SYSTEM

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I express my appreciation of the new system of income tax deduction from salaries and wages, applicable from April 1, 1955. While formerly a monthly account of every worker's wage and the tax deducted therefrom had to be rendered at the time of payment, all that is now necessary is to keep a record of each worker's wage and tax on individual cards, and no specification of the amount remitted has to be given. I feel sure that employers will greatly welcome this innovation, which will save much time every month.

Let us hope that other government departments will follow in streamlining their methods.

Yours, etc.
Tel Aviv, April 28. *A. W.*

HELPFUL BUS DRIVERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As bus drivers are so often criticised, it seems only right to record that there are also drivers who show outstanding helpfulness and courtesy. The other night, immediately upon entering a taxi, I realized that I had left my wallet at home, and I asked the driver to let me off. He not only insisted that I continue on my way but loaned me money for the return trip by bus. It gives me great pleasure to thank him through your columns. His number was 2116 and his taxi was plying the No. 18 bus route.

Yours, etc.
Tel Aviv. *W. MEYER*

POST-DATED CHECKS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to the item in your issue of April 26, I would like to remark that it was generally believed that post-dated checks were introduced into the U.S.A. by European immigrants. In fact, they are often referred to in circles accustomed to using them by the un-American term "head check." They are frowned upon in the best banking circles and to my knowledge are illegal in some states.

Yours, etc.
J. GOLDMAN

Jerusalem, April 28.

PEN FRIENDS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am very much interested in your country's literature and arts. Your country is a "Holy Land" to me as I am a Catholic.

My favourite hobby is collecting first-day covers and stamps of the world. Kindly help me to have some friends from your country who are interested in the same hobby and thus enable me to have mutual friendship and goodwill.

Yours, etc.
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Road, Bangalore-2, India.

Friday's Press

Electorate Urged to Vote

EVERY citizen must vote in the Histadrut elections in accordance with his political convictions and conscience, says "Davar" (Histadrut), but he must also ask himself what the fate of the Histadrut will be after the elections. It will suffer without a stable majority. The paper also attacks the Ahdut Ha'avoda slogan that it is possible to vote for one party in the Histadrut and for another in the Knesset elections. "Omer" (Histadrut) says that the tendency to identify the Histadrut with Mapai is justified to some extent.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) comments editorially on the relations between municipality and the Development Authority in Jaffa, but it also publishes an interview with the Secretary-General of the Histadrut and a survey of party propaganda in connection with the Histadrut elections. It says that Ahdut Ha'avoda is the dark horse in this campaign and that the main competition is between it and Mapai. The paper notes that Mr. Yigal Alon of Ahdut Ha'avoda has been more active than any other party leader and his name has become a byword.

The "Al Hamishmar" editorial on election eve was mainly directed against Ahdut Ha'avoda and Maki. The former were charged with mere opportunism, while a vote for Maki was said to be simply a lost vote — quite apart from the anti-Israel stand taken by the Israel Communist Party, which is in contrast to all other Communist parties, according to the Mapam paper. Writing in the same issue, Mr. M. Ya'ari said that the solidarity of the workers' pioneering front may indeed be preserved, but the precondition is a Mapam victory in the election, for nothing but force will impress Mr. Ben-Gurion and his comrades. Using very similar argument in "Lamerhav," Mr. Israel Galili called for votes for Ahdut Ha'avoda. Editorially, this paper polemized against "Davar," and said that though Mapai was the majority party in the Histadrut, "Davar" must not reflect the Mapai point of view against other Histadrut parties. "Haboker" (General Zionist), for which there is less at stake in the elections than for most other parties, demands that there should be no pressure, and that the elections generally speaking, should be fair. "Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Union) regretted very much the large measure of enmity generated during such election campaigns, and said that the parties have had no moral scruples whatsoever as to the means used to obtain votes. "Kol Haam" (Communist) which has not yet calmed down over the fact that both Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda had not been enthusiastic about the Chou En-lai — Mufti meeting continued to belabour its rivals, and Herut, the one paper not concerned at all by the Histadrut elections, published several articles against the "Histadrut of Trusts."

Tel Aviv Art Notes

Group Show at Pavilion

EIGHT painters, Gat Halperin, Lifshitz, Props, Sabar, Tadmor, Shulamith Tal and Claire Yaniv and one sculptor Ashkenazi, are currently showing their work at the Artists' Pavilion in Alharizi Street. This is a pleasant exhibition with a number of good works and it is interesting in that it demonstrates a trend that is becoming increasingly apparent here (as indeed elsewhere too) — the turn towards realism.

On the whole colour is subdued; the two women, Shulamith Tal and Claire Yaniv, supply the only brightness and intensity in the show. Tal, who so far has been known to the reviewer as a watercolourist, here shows oils, decorative landscapes reminiscent of Nahum Guttman. Her design and colour both have considerable charm. Yaniv likes hard, brilliant colour schemes which sometimes tend to be too raucous. But in a painting such as that of a child in a yellow sweater and a multi-coloured skirt with a bowl of bright flowers to the right, she achieves a convincing synthesis of form and colour, plus a certain psychological insight.

Gat's broadly painted oils are uniformly pleasant and he is able to obtain an attractive luminosity. Worth special note is his study of a woman in a blue dress and a sketch of his studio. Tadmor is a painter of considerable skill, although tending sometimes to over-sweetness. His well-composed street scenes are particularly good. Halperin and Lifshitz have much in common; both use a sort of cross-hatching of lines that go right across the painting with the images emerging beneath these. Halperin's study of a boy in red is worth note. A very nice work. Lifshitz's painting is continuously growing in assurance. He has a charming still life to his credit and some atmospheric and pleasant landscapes. The Props' paintings are all figure-compositions, painted very thin, in muted tones of greys, greens and yellows. Usually a focal point is introduced by a bright bow on a child's hair, or vividly coloured shoes. The organization of the shapes is usually satisfactory but there is a certain sketchiness about the work which makes it seem as if it were a study for a painting and not the actual painting itself.

The Ashkenazi pieces of sculpture are a mixed lot. He is still very much in the process of finding his way but he has a feeling for volume and a special sensitivity to curving forms. One composition of undulating curved shapes (No. 6) is a very nice work.

S. W.

MUSICAL DIARY

Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Joseph Tal, conductor, Lola Granetman, piano (Y.M.C.A., May 10) Milhaud: Jacob's Dream; Tal: Piano Concerto No.1; Wohl: Symphony No. 3.

THIS was the first concert of the Month of Jewish Music. The programme was pleasingly contemporary and all in all satisfying.

The strings (violin, viola, cello and double bass) were doubled in this first Israel performance of the warm, Mediterranean Milhaud suite, which, according to the composer, can be either danced or performed. The soloist, George Haas (oboe), did very well. The strings were sound. They also put across some striking passages in the Piano Concerto, whose bold rhythmic and harmonic elements Lola Granetman brought out with excellent craftsmanship.

Yehuda Wohl's symphony No. 3, another première, has the advantage of economy: it presents three themes, then culminates in a synthesis of utmost concentration in neo-romantic style. The rendering was pleasing.

FRANGO

Lorand Fenyves, violin, Alice Fenyves, violin, David Lein, viola, Thelma Yellin, 'cello. (Tel Aviv Museum, April 30). Brahms: Quartet in B flat Major, op. 67; Seiden-Goth: Quartet in G minor (1929); Beethoven: Quartet in E minor, op. 59, No. 2.

THE ensemble's treatment of the Brahms B flat major quartet, with its opening movement introduced by a theme suggestive of a hunting fanfare, was spirited and energetic, although this fine approach was marred by a disturbing impurity of tone on the part of the violins. The viola and 'cello were remarkably steady, and did much to compensate for this.

The quartet by Gisella Selden-Goth is of the early Schönberg school of composition. Each instrument has a share of the duties as solo voice throughout the four movements, none of which is really serene in nature. The second movement, a scherzo, is particularly agitated, though it ends on a relatively quiet note.

We were impressed by the soft melancholy of the first movement of the Beethoven quartet, despite the squeaky violins, and the rest of the work was interpreted with imagination.

D. YADIN

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